

UPTON SINCLAIR TO SUE FOR DIVORCE, NAMING POET KEMP

Social Colonizer Surprises
Literary World By An-
nouncing Suit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Upton Sinclair, author and social colonizer, in a surprising statement has announced his intention to bring suit for a divorce, naming Harry Kemp, a young poet, who has for some time been a member of the colony at Mr. Sinclair's summer home at Arden, Del.

In this statement Mr. Sinclair declares his wife yesterday morning wrote him a letter so clearly indicating her affection for the young poet that he has no hope of reconciliation. He believes this letter will be sufficient grounds for an action under the laws of New York.

Mr. Sinclair declares his wife and Mr. Kemp came to New York together and stopped at the apartment of her father, W. M. Fuller, a clerk of the court of special sessions.

According to Mr. Sinclair, his wife's mother, Mrs. Fuller, was sent away to Arden, and in her absence Mr. Kemp and Mrs. Sinclair occupied the apartment.

The action of Mr. Sinclair in giving out such a statement, or in bringing a suit for divorce from his wife, will be a great surprise to his friends and co-workers in the social colony of which he is the head.

He has repeatedly given his views on the marriage vow and ties, and some of these views seem to indicate a belief on his part that he and his wife could at any time separate and go different ways should they find the marriage yoke burdensome.

On one occasion Mr. Sinclair said: "When my wife and I fell in love with each other we talked the whole marriage business over very conscientiously. We both hated the idea of being tied together by either a religious or legal ceremony, and we tried to make up our minds to get the right kind of an example to follow."

"But we knew Mrs. Sinclair's father and mother would give us a bad example. We did what our consciences told us was right. So to ease their minds, we let some one mumble a few words over us and made them happy."

"Marriage in this day is nothing but legalized slavery. That is the most polite word to call it. The average married woman is bought just as much as any horse or any dog is bought."

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair were married in October, 1900. She was Meta H. Fuller, daughter of William M. and Mary E. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair have one child, a boy.

Outside of the radical views of Mr. Sinclair, nothing very unusual has occurred between husband and wife to indicate any domestic infidelity.

Mrs. Sinclair Not Found.

Efforts to find Mrs. Meta H. Sinclair, wife of the socialist author, at the home of her father, H. M. Fuller, deputy clerk of the court of special sessions, failed today, and her side of her dispute with her husband, Upton Sinclair, could not be obtained.

At his club here Sinclair said that he had nothing further to add to his formal statement of last night, that his wife had left him to seek a stage career, influenced by a mutual friend, Harry Kemp, a Lawrence (Kansas) poet.

Sinclair's Statement.

The statement issued by Mr. Sinclair is as follows:

"As soon as I can get into touch with my lawyers, and have the necessary papers prepared, it is my intention to enter suit against my wife, Meta Sinclair, for divorce, naming as co-respondent Harry Kemp. I wish to make the following statement of facts regarding the matter:

"Harry Kemp, a young poet, from Lawrence, Kan., came to visit me at my summer home at Arden, Del., about a month ago. He was an intimate friend of mine and I had for a long time tried to find a publisher for his works, which I consider the most significant that has been produced by any relation of an American poet. He had previously met my wife when she was in a sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

"At my home there quickly sprung up an intimacy to which I found reason to object.

"The result of my protests was that my wife left for New York, declaring her intention to go on the stage and be independent. Three days later Harry Kemp followed, declaring that he also was going on the stage. They went to the apartment of my father-in-law, who is out of town. My mother-in-law was sent down to Arden.

"I then came to New York in an effort to protect my wife. The two protested that their relationship was innocent, but I knew that this was untrue, and I insisted that Harry leave. The result was that I received this morning a long letter from my wife, in the course of which she declared her intention to stay with Harry, and ultimately go on the stage.

"I make this statement, because I have just learned that word of my intention has reached one newspaper, and I would rather the real facts were printed than anybody's conjectures. I have nothing to add to the statement and I respectfully ask to be spared requests for interviews."

Columbia Players To Play Baltimore Season.

At the close of the summer stock season here the Columbia Players will go to Baltimore for the winter, at Albaugh's Lyceum Theater. James Young, representing Albaugh's, and Fred G. Berger have closed the deal, and those of the players who have signed other contracts have obtained releases and agreed to stick together until they come back to Washington next summer.

The entire properties that have been gathered together during the years the Columbia Players have charmed Washington audiences will be taken to Baltimore, and many of the vehicles they have used this summer will be played again. Managers Oliver and Frank Motterott, and Fred Berger, they intend to make the Columbia Players a permanent institution representing the Capital in the theatrical world.

Wilson Names State Weights Commissioner

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 24.—Governor Wilson this morning appointed William L. Waldron, of this city, State commissioner of weights and measures. The appointment, which carries with it an annual salary of \$2,500, places Mr. Waldron in control of the newly created State department of weights and measures.

The selection of Mr. Waldron is a surprise, even to the appointee himself. He made no effort to get the office and was not aware that the governor had him in mind. Mr. Waldron has begun to arrange for the sale of his grocery business here, where he has been established for twelve years.

LIGHT PENALTIES FOR FOOD "DOPERS"

Five-Dollar Fines And Sometimes Only the Seizure Of
Putrid And Dangerous Substances Are the
Punishments Meted Out.

A new batch of notices of judgment in cases arising under the food and drugs act has been given out to the public.

In this new list there are upward of thirty notices of judgment. Perusal of them is almost certain to bring up in the mind's eye the picture of stern and relentless justice, goaded on by Solicitor McCabe, remorselessly pursuing those manufacturers of food and drugs, or dealers in them, who venture to impose on the ultimate consumer.

Retribution in the form of cruel punishment is meted out to the food and drug "doper."

For instance, up in Pennsylvania there was recently seized a substance called "Chocolate-Cremolin," which, according to the label, consisted of powdered cocoa and a little harmless coloring matter.

Ten cans of the stuff were seized. Investigation showed that what it did actually contain, instead of harmless coloring matter, was arsenic and ferrous oxide.

The Ten Cans Destroyed.

What happened to the offender? "Condemn punishment was visited upon the ten cans of the alleged food preparation and it was destroyed. Old 'Doc' Willy himself could not have done any more, so far as the ten cans were concerned. It does not appear that any individual was made to suffer.

In a case started in Minnesota, a party selling an alleged diphtheria cure which was found to lack the qualities claimed in the label, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

In certain Kentucky cases, large shipments of tomato pulp and a shipment of tomato catsup were seized. It appeared

in the case of the tomato catsup that it was composed in part of putrid and decomposed substance. On the giving of bond, the goods were released to the firm to which they belonged.

As to two shipments of tomato pulp, one containing 218 barrels and one containing seventy-one barrels, the punishment imposed was to seize and appropriate them. They were found in part composed of putrid and decomposed substance.

A New York defendant pleaded guilty to dealing in the drug, turmeric, which contained wheat starch or wheat flour, and 10.4 per cent of calcium sulphate. The court suspended sentence.

Occasionally, a fairly heavy fine is found by the notices of judgment to have been imposed. In a Pennsylvania case, for instance, where the defendant handled adulterated egg substitute, a fine of \$100 was imposed.

Easy on the Misbranders.

It might be thought that in cases of misbranding or adulteration of drugs or alleged medicines the punishment would be severe. But this is the exception rather than the rule. A St. Louis medicine company, putting out a substance alleged to be a cure for many of the maladies of children and to help them in cutting teeth, was fined \$10 and costs.

The analysis showed the substance "to be powder consisting essentially of opium, calomel, calcium carbonate, and powdered cinnamon."

For shipping Alexandria senna, all alleged to be the pure ground article, but, in reality, containing sand and foreign vegetable tissue, a Wisconsin defendant was fined \$25 on a plea of guilty.

As a rule, where fines are imposed, they do not run above \$10; occasionally \$25 fines are imposed. Rarely do the fines amount to \$50. In numerous instances, the only punishment is forfeiture of the property, and there is frequent application of the plan of requiring a bond that the goods will not be disposed of to the public until the conditions of the law are met.

Catholic Editors Meet In First Convention

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 24.—The first convention of editors and managers of Catholic newspapers ever held in America opened here today in connection with the meeting of the American Federation of Catholic Societies.

The convention discussed plans for the organization of a Catholic press association and various questions relating to advertising, circulation, and editorial policy.

Supreme Chief Ranger Installed By Foresters

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 24.—Harry W. Mace, of Philadelphia, today was installed as supreme chief ranger of the Foresters of America, in national convention here. Others installed are: Supreme sub-chief ranger, C. F. Ren- don, California; supreme treasurer, Edward B. O'Brien, Massachusetts; supreme secretary, P. M. Donnelly, New Jersey; supreme recording secretary, Charles W. Bagley, Connecticut; supreme medical examiner, Dr. W. C. Smith, Ohio.

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FIVE ARE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN COMMERCIAL BODY

Chamber Also To Devise
Means To Advertise
Washington.

Five applications for admission to the Chamber of Commerce were elected members of the organization at a meeting of the membership committee this noon. The new members are Thomas A. Cannon, F. W. Fitzpatrick, S. J. Masters, Leo C. May, and Fleming Newbold. Isaac Gans, chairman of the committee, presided.

The publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce will attend tonight's kinema-color entertainment at the Hecasco Theater. The management has given the committee several boxes for the use of its members. Seats may be obtained this afternoon from Secretary Grant.

Tomorrow evening a meeting of the subcommittee of the publicity committee of the chamber, appointed to devise methods of inducing more residents of other cities to make their homes in Washington, will be held. Mr. Gans is chairman of the committee and D. J. Callahan is chairman of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee recently has been informally considering a number of

methods of advertising the residential attractions of Washington. The appointment of a press agent, the publication of a booklet, and the use of moving pictures are among the plans which have been considered. It is expected that all of these will be taken up at tomorrow's meeting, and that some kind of action will be decided upon.

It is expected that the quarters of the chamber will be moved from the third to the second floor of the Breckinridge building early next month. The second floor is now being fitted up for that purpose. A large sign also will be put across the F street side of the building at the second story.

C. J. Halberston, of Laurel, Md., is starting the organization of a commercial organization in that town, performed after the form of the Washington Chamber of Commerce. He called upon Thomas Grant, secretary of the Chamber, yesterday to obtain suggestions. The Laurel body is being organized for the primary purpose of getting a sewer system for the town.

Lorimer's Silence Is Broken For Campaign

DUQUOIN, Ill., Aug. 24.—Senator William Lorimer, after months of silence in the face of charges of moral turpitude in securing his election to the United States Senate, today began an active campaign for popular indication at the big southern Illinois soldiers and sailors' reunion here.

It is declared that the practical side of Lorimer's attempt to vindicate himself will be an effort to nominate Richard Yates for governor and to elect sufficient Lorimerites to the next State Legislature to hold at least the balance of power in the Senatorial election involving the seat of Senator Cullom.

Contracts For Colliers.

Contracts for two colliers will probably be signed with the Newport News Shipbuilding Company today or tomorrow. The Maryland Steel Company, of Baltimore, was awarded two yesterday, and two remain.

Fewer Fish Received At Capital Wharves

Receipts of fresh fish at the Eleventh street wharf were lighter this morning, there being about seventy-five barrels. Sea trout and bass are the most abundant, coming from Buckroe Beach, and the vicinity of Norfolk. The usual consignment received from the morning boats is from 100 to 300 barrels.

Prices on sea foods for the summer have been lower than for years, sea trout showing the greatest slump in prices. Wholesale dealers at the wharf market this morning said that for the last five weeks the price has not averaged a dollar and seventy-five cents a barrel. Sea trout were bringing about \$2.50 a barrel this morning, however.

Was His Mistake.

Victim—Say, darn ye, you've pulled the wrong tooth!

Dentist—From the way you hollered I thought I had hold of the right one, but we'll call it my mistake.—Chicago Tribune.

Many Taft Appointees Disapproved by Senate

Many persons nominated by President Taft for Government places were refused confirmation by the Senate. Among the disappointed ones were Hyman D. Davis, to be United States marshal for the northern district of Ohio; Leslie M. Scott, to be United States marshal for the district of Oregon; and Charles V. Johnson, to be appraiser of merchandise in the district of Portland, Ore.

Thirty postmasters failed of confirmation, including Robert L. Armstrong, Newark, Del.; Edwin B. Linney, Danville, Ky.; George M. Criden, Marich, Ky.; Thomas B. Wynn, Kau Claire, Mich.; Clyde C. Brandenburg, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Thomas Bolman, Cashmere, Wash.; Charles R. Akers, Chewelah, Wash.; W. A. Jones, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Harry O. Steel, Cordova, Richard McCormick, Douglas; Philip J. Hickey, Jr., Seward, and Daniel W. Flanagan, Ketchikan, Alaska, and Julia E. D. Tolbert, Ninety-Six, N. C.

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